



Docket No.: 21147 (C038435/0178882)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Sakayu SHIMIZU and Masaru WADA) Examiner: M. Y. Meah
Serial No.: 10/505,314) Art Unit: 1652
Filed: April 11, 2005)
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New York, New York
May 24, 2006

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before May 26, 2006. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendment Dated: May 24, 2006
Reply to Office Action of: January 26, 2006

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Response, and contain a complete listing of the claims as required.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.